vacant parcels are now the sites of relatively new homes. Year after year, more of these vacant parcels are being developed, however, there are still numerous vacant lots in all the residential areas. Within the planning period, it is very probable that the majority of these parcels will be developed.

Many of the larger vacant parcels within the corporate limits are very suitable for residential purposes, but they are not available for development; as a result, residential development is actually being encouraged in the unincorporated fringe area. Hopefully, within the next five to ten years, the demand for this land will increase to a point that it will be released for urban development. If this takes place, it is very likely that the fringe area development will be curtailed to some extent because of the limited demand for new dwellings.

Fringe Area Development: On the land use plan, no attempt was made to limit the size of the residential area to the acreage that will likely be used by the anticipated population increase during the planning period. Rather, the outlined residential area on the plan is the area most suited for urban type residential development and the area most likely to undergo a transition from a predominately rural landscape to a predominately urbanized landscape within the next twenty to twenty-five years.

Unfortunately, all of the urban type residential development will not occur in the outlined area. Currently, there are numerous moderately priced homes being constructed throughout the county and this trend will likely continue. It could, however, be greatly curtailed if one or more well planned residential developments containing homes in the $12,000 to $15,000 price range were constructed in the outlined area. Certainly, there will always be some people who desire to live several miles from a community, but it is fairly certain that many of the new home investors in the rural areas around Whiteville would prefer to live near Whiteville, BUT CANNOT because of the lack of such developments.